

***.Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 12/8/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant must point out where support in the specification is found for each newly added claim 249-361. MPEP 714.02 states, "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any ***newly*** presented claims, patentable over any applied references" (emphasis added). Due to the amount of claims in the case it is suggested that applicant provide a chart indicating the claim and the page and line where the support can be found. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzette J-J Gherbi whose work schedule is Maxi-Flex off every other Friday and whose telephone number is 571-272-4751.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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